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TRADE COUNCIL

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More Women Should Help.

The Rock Island chapter of the American Red Cross society, whose quarters are on the second floor of the State bank building, Second avenue and Seventeenth street, is appealing for additional volunteer workers, women and girls who can sew and who have an hour or more a few days in each week to devote to the cause. Few outside those who are in intimate touch understand the enormous demands that are being made upon the Red Cross units over the nation in connection with the war. In the first place all of the money required for purchasing materials for the Red Cross, the equipping of hospitals, etc., comes from the public purse. Millions already have been contributed, and if the struggle in Europe goes on indefinitely there will be further calls upon the people for funds. None of the finances gathered for the Red Cross is squandered. Comparatively a small per cent is paid out in salaries, impressions prevailing in some quarters to the contrary notwithstanding. This week a statement from the headquarters of the Red Cross in Washington was carried in the newspapers, accounting for every donated dollar and showing how many persons attached to the head office were receiving salaries and how many were not. Some of the leading business and professional men and women of the nation are giving of their undivided time to the direction of the work of the Red Cross without drawing a dollar for their services. They are making great sacrifices for their country.

Inasmuch as every American should unhesitatingly do his bit now, it is little to ask of the women of Rock Island that they give a helping hand at the work rooms of the Red Cross chapter in the State bank building. It is unfair to place the whole burden of the city's share upon the shoulders of a few faithful women. They have no more interest, nor have they any more at stake, than have their neighbors. We all are concerned in the winning of the war in the quickest time possible, and it is relieving of much pain and grief as it is within our power to do. There is no agency that does more to stay the sufferings of the battlefield than the Red Cross. But it must have supplies to carry on its work. All of its supplies are donated by the women. The Rock Island chapter has done nobly in the work it has turned out thus far. But its task has hardly been begun. The women of Rock Island should bestir themselves and visit the Red Cross headquarters, where they can do towards sharing the labor they can do with those who have been carrying the responsibility since the work rooms were established.

Mercer's Banner Fair.

Rock Island county has a large representation each year at the Mercer county fair at Alton, not alone on account of the close proximity of the exhibition and a desire to evince a friendly interest in the enterprise of a neighboring community, but also for the reason that Mercer has gained the reputation of furnishing one of the most complete county fairs in Illinois. Rock Island is to be honored by having one day of the fair set aside for it. Thursday will be Rock Island's day, and to mark the occasion many business men will attend. The Rock Island Chamber of Commerce is urging that as many people of the city who can make arrangements to do so visit the fair Thursday. It is hoped to make a good showing in behalf of the county that date. Excellent train service is provided between this city and Alton by the Rock Island Southern. On the days of the fair there will be a train leaving Rock Island every two hours. The roads also are good between here and the Mercer county capital, and unless rain interferes it is probable numbers will go by automobile. The fair will continue through four days, opening Tuesday. A feature of this year, as in the past, will be the horse racing. Some of the fastest travelers to be seen on the country fair circuit have been booked for the Mercer county track next week.

Where Recruits Come From

Of the 266,549 recruits who enlisted in the regular army between April 1 and Sept. 7, 1917, 103,235, or just over half, came from the nine states of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, says an eastern newspaper authority.

These nine states have less than 40 per cent of the population of the country and yet they furnish 50 per cent of the volunteer soldiers. What is more unusual is the fact that these nine states have the smallest native American population. Twenty-five or more per cent of their people are aliens by birth so that the leaven of Americanism should be expected to be less pronounced here than elsewhere.

On the other hand the 11 southern states are the most distinctly American in the union. Ninety-eight per cent of their people are Americans of American ancestry. Yet with 30 per cent of the population they have furnished about ten per cent of the regular army recruits.

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every four is foreign born; in North Carolina but one man out of every 500 is an alien by birth. The spirit of King's Mountain in the revolution and the spirit that caused the south to fight with valor against hopeless odds for the doctrine of state's rights in the '60's has not been diluted but it appears to be weakened nevertheless. It is up to the south to vindicate its native Americanism.

Not All Stamped.

The Argus lays no claim to having inside information on the coal business, but it will be recalled that this paper refused to join the chorus or organized a few months ago to urge consumers to put in their winter's supplies. One of the Chicago dailies was particularly insistent that there would be no cut in the price of coal from the figure being exacted at that time and warned that there was sure to be a serious shortage with the approach of cold weather. The Argus, advising the consumer to sit steady, said the alarm sounded then was inspired by the producers, who knew that it was only a question of time when they would be forced by governmental intervention to make price concessions, and it was their purpose to reap their harvest before the interruption came.

Some Rock Island people were frightened by the situation and bought their coal at the exorbitant rates, but the majority refused to be stamped, maintaining that there was as much coal as there ever had been and that there were abundant ways to carry it and mine it, and they had faith in the Wilson administration to protect them against a continuance of the practical practices being imposed by the operators at a time when they imagined they could get away with anything simply because they doubted that the government was too busy concerned with war preparations to be annoyed by such a simple matter as the prices of fuel. And those who waited have vindicated their own judgment and their faith in their government. And in the bargain they have saved money.

Lessening Cost of Gold.

According to Washington reports the cyanide situation grows more cheerful, and producers of low grade ores see a rift in their cloud of heavy overhead charges.

American chemists having decided to "do their bit" a way has been found to produce cyanide in the United States, and thus declare our independence of the German and British supplies, which are no longer available to the outside producer of gold. Washington feels safe in stating that an adequate supply of cyanide will be available in the near future and that the price will be so arranged that small users will get the benefit as well as the large users, who recognize the great importance of the 60 to 200 ton plants located near the mines.

While raw material, labor and the cost of equipment remain at war prices, cyanide cannot be sold at the present war figures of 18 to 21 cents per pound, and unless the Washington authorities are mistaken, present quotations will be scaled. To encourage the early output of gold from American mines, every effort should be made. As a war measure the purchase by the federal government of the English tonnage of gold is well worth considering now that flotation applies to a larger quantity of ore than any other process. The Australian government some years ago paid \$200,000 for the McArthur Forest cyanide patent and made it a condition of the purchase that it greatly increase the output of gold from the Australian mines.

This looks paternal. But the world paternal, and the change in government paternal implies, no longer challenges criticism of a serious class in war times. How to get results, and to get them speedily is the Lloyd-George method of approach.

The newspapers of Germany, voicing the sentiments of the government, are turning against the charge at Buenos Aires, whose damaging messages forwarded via the Swedish embassy have been given publicity by the state department at Washington. They say, repeating one of his suggestions to Berlin in reference to Argentine ships enroute to Europe, that he should disappear without leaving a trace of himself. However, if the German charge had got away with his dirty work without detection he would have been decorated by the kaiser.

The sentiments of loyalty to the nation and its chief pronounced by Ellis Root in a speech delivered last night at Chicago is quite in contrast with the knocking attitude of one T. Roosevelt, who never overlooks an opportunity to criticize President Wilson. Roosevelt, despite that he has grown big enough to attain to the presidency of the nation, has not yet become sufficiently broadened to subordinate political narrowness and ambition to patriotism even in a time of crisis.

Assurances have come that the price of sugar will experience a perceptible drop after Oct. 1, when the food administration will assume supervision of the industry. It is said that after that date sugar should not cost over three cents for a quart. Consumers are accordingly counseled, not to hoard supplies of sweetness if they wish to participate in the promised reduction.

After the kaiser reads the latest news from Italy possibly he will revise his estimate of the seriousness of the entrance of the United States into the war. America is furnishing the money that has provided Italy with the fighting materials she is using on the Austro-Italian front with such disastrous effect.

When aviators collide in mid-air, with limitless space for their coursing trail, we should not blame autoists for an occasional head-on smashup on a 16-foot country road.

There's one thing worse than taking candy from a baby. That is giving it poisoned candy, after the method of German aviators.

A new court decision in a damage case has set the value of a rib at \$2,000. Daughters of Eve, now you know what you are worth.

CHORDS AND DISCORDS

GRACE Winger is Rock Island's first girl telegraph messenger. And they say she literally flies.

GEORGE Sudlow of Port Byron was a visitor in the city this week. Asked how he liked it in his new location he declared he was having simply a kilt time.

CAPTAIN Celery, Argentine naval attaché at Berlin, has been recalled by his government. Evidently it was thought inadvisable to permit him to remain in the German capital until the Junkers began masticating him.

OLD poker players say the game is not being played on the square in Europe. They cite the copping of two queens by a king as a violation of the rules, the kaiser having diplomatically taken into camp the consorts of Constantine and Gustav. Still it should be remembered that Wilhelm has been dealing from the bottom for years, even before he began the war. And, speaking of dealing from the bottom, the submarine might be referred to in passing.

CIPRIANO Castro, former president of Venezuela, after trying for five years to be admitted to the United States, finally has succeeded. Now it is to be hoped the old boy will watch his step and behave himself.

PRESIDENT Irigoyen of Argentina has handed Count Von Luxburg his passports. It is denied that the count remarked: "Irigoyen, you're only fooling."

HENRY Hall, a Wyandotte county, Ohio, farmer, has painted every fence post around his large farm either red, white or blue. It is not likely that any of his neighbors will ask him to explain why the United States is at war with Germany.

THE total number of species of mosquitoes has been found to be 500. How many have you tried—or rather how many have sampled your anatomy, do you imagine?

WE also have with us the conscientious objector against sending tobacco to the American soldiers in France. One who would deny a boy who is fighting his battle on foreign soil anything that his heart wished for is not doing his duty to the cause. The highest medical authorities hold that smoking in moderation is not harmful to the human system. On the other hand, it is claimed that a smoke is soothing to the soldier in the trenches, especially after he has been under fire. It would be almost as consistent to argue against giving a soldier a glass of ice water when he called for it on the ground that it would chill his system. Many good people are opposed to the use of tobacco in any form. They are entitled to their opinions, but they should not be so blind as to deny tobacco to our boys abroad who need to keep it from them. The only effect that it can have is in making it a little more difficult possibly in raising the requisite funds with which to purchase supplies. And none of us will think very kindly of the American citizen who will contribute towards the alleviation of the boy in the trenches.

PETER Druna, a Chicago saboteur, was held up by auto bandits in his place of business and separated from \$30 of his receipts. They didn't beat him, but they threatened to do so if he resisted, which he did not.

Not All Velvet.

Washington says the high prices of farm products "are not all velvet for the farmer." No, indeed, we observe quite a lot of thorns, barbed wire, and other unpretentious textiles in use among the farm people, and scarcely any of the farm women wear georgette crepe and voile in the fields.—Houston Post.

THE German crown prince apparently isn't so certain where he is to eat his next Christmas dinner as he was in 1914. If he is kept as busy as he has been of late he may be compelled to be content with a hot dog sandwich grabbed between ducking allies' shells.

ASIDE from the war, one of the real tragedies of the year is the determination of Bernhardt to make another farewell tour. We all marvel at her victorious survival of ill and accident, but we wonder how she would have killed nine of the ordinary women, and we love her for her contribution to the art of the theatre, but she has run her race. She has evolved a brilliant finish. She has given us all that a solitary mortal could expect from a solitary mortal, and there are few that wouldn't prefer that she lay aside her histrionic armament and retire and so enjoy the peace and quietude that she so richly has won. It would be unspeakably pathetic if Bernhardt were made to suffer the bitter experience of her profession, which has been the lot of others of her profession, yet she has persisted beyond their allotted time. Yet it is feared that will inevitably be her penalty unless she withdraws. The theatrical public is a fickle quantity. Quick to acclaim and as quick to desert. But it can't be said that it has been impatient of Bernhardt.

THE girl who marries an aviator need not worry about the future of her husband. He is certain to rise in the world.

A SURE sign that you are growing old is when you begin to mislay your spectacles.

WE are urged to eat more potatoes and less meat. If we do the price of potatoes will advance. So what's the difference? The best thing for you to do is to eat what you like best. If your favorite dishes become oppressively costly simply cut down on your rations.

J. M. C.

THE LAST STAND



The Day in Davenport

Disease Spreads—Spreading with such rapidity that Davenport physicians can hardly cope with the situation, the infantile paralysis plague continues to throw the city and surrounding community into a state of terror. Five new cases have been reported to the board of health, making a total of 30 cases in Davenport and the district immediately surrounding the city. The cases reported yesterday are as follows: Herbert Wagner, aged 3, 1201 1/2 West Sixth street; Albert Jurgensen, aged 19, 1515 West Fourth street; Tom Dolan, aged 6, 52 1/2 Vine street; Maria Strong, aged 9 months, 2317 Perry street; and Martin, age not given, Rockingham.

To Keep Schools Closed—At a meeting of citizens, members of the school board, physicians, those in charge of the parochial schools, and others, held at the city hall yesterday afternoon, it was decided to keep the schools of the city closed all next week and as much longer as the infantile paralysis situation warrants.

Organize Four Minute Men—Plans for the organization of the Four Minute Men of Davenport were completed yesterday by Chairman John C. Higgins. So far the society has over 60 members and expects to triple that number within the next few weeks. The idea of the organization is to assist the government in every way possible during the period of the war. Their work consists of almost every kind of service and the men pledge themselves to be ready for a call at four minutes' notice. Although the work of organization takes into national wide help, if necessary, it is chiefly to assist the government in local affairs.

Hold-Up Charge Made—Charged with attempting to hold up John Milling on Rock Island street between Second and Third streets, John Wunder, an old offender, was given a 10 day jail sentence by Police Magistrate Ernest Clausen. Wunder and Milling had just returned from Rock Island. They got off a Bridge line car at Rock Island street. Wunder, who is taller than Milling by a foot, tried to pilot him into a dark corner of the street. Milling yelled for the police and Wunder tried to run. Much hitting of the little brown bowl had made his feet unsteady, and he didn't get far before he was arrested. In police court yesterday, he said that he didn't remember all the details of the attempted hold-up. "I'd been drinking," was his plea. Wunder has not been in Davenport for nearly ten years. Years ago he was a well known figure in police court, authorities say. He was called back here by the illness of his brother.

Clear Clerk Held—Maurice Thompson, local cigar store clerk, yesterday waived preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner Bush to the charge of failure to register under the conscription law of the United States. In default of \$1,000 bond for his appearance before Judge Wade of the federal court, Thompson was committed to the Scott county jail. Neither Thompson nor his attorney, Louis Roddelevig, made a statement regarding the case. Thompson was arrested Sept. 11 by United States Deputy Marshal Peterson, the deputy taking him into custody at the cigar store, Third and Main streets. The United States commissioner set the preliminary hearing for yesterday morning at 9 o'clock. Thompson stating he would go to Bloomington, Ill.—his birth place—and endeavor to secure a birth certificate. He claims he is over 31 years of age.

Questions and Answers. Friends Make a Diagnosis.

What makes my feet and limbs swell? In the morning they are all right, but when I go to bed at night they are swollen up to the knees. We live on a farm and I have to be on my feet long hours. My friends thought it might be dropsy, so I am rather worried about it. Please advise me what I should do. (Mrs. R. O. M.) Answer—It is dropsy. But then you know that you have made no progress with your diagnosis. "Dropsy" is swelling from any cause. Possibly the swelling comes from anemia, or from cardiac veins, or from pronated feet. Still I have no way of knowing, without examining you, whether you may have a defective heart, or a tumor, or nephritis. Don't worry, and don't bother to seek the neighbors' advice, but drive down and see the village doctor. He will be able to help you, if you don't procrastinate too long.

A Regular Little Laboratory. I have purchased some jelly, and the label reads, "Imitation currant jelly, compounded of refined sugar 25 per cent, apple juice 35 per cent, corn syrup 40 per cent, phosphoric acid, artificial color, preserved with one-tenth of one per cent benzoin of soda." Do you consider it good to feed children?

Answer—For goodness sake, no. Not real live children. Unless you are performing some experiment. You might spread traces of it around without examining you, whether you may have a defective heart, or a tumor, or nephritis. Don't worry, and don't bother to seek the neighbors' advice, but drive down and see the village doctor. He will be able to help you, if you don't procrastinate too long.

Milk Is Not Constipating. I would like to take a milk diet but find it very constipating. Is there anything one can add to the milk to make it more laxative. (R. G.) Answer—Milk is a pretty digestible food. If well digested there is little residue left in the intestine. Hence when milk is taken exclusively or as the chief part of the diet there is less need of bowel evacuations. Eat some fresh fruit or fruit juices apart from the milk, or eat a baked apple, or some stewed prunes, or a bran gem with the milk. If your purpose is to lose weight, these items have but trifling food value. If your purpose is to increase weight, eat graham bread or crackers, or whole wheat bread, or cookies, milk butter, along with the milk.

The Daily Short Story

A PHASE OF THE SERVANT QUESTION.

By Elmer Marsh.

I married an old bachelor who thought he knew more about women than any man in the world. He was constantly making deductions with regard to them. For instance, if he saw a woman pass a mirror, glance at her reflection, adjust her hat, or smooth other portion of her apparel he would assume that she was vain. When he married me he took especial pains to discover whether I was popular with my own sex. "I wouldn't give a fig for a woman whom women don't like," he said in telling me of his precaution after we were married and in doing so paid me the compliment to say that in my case the report was favorable. I didn't consider it a compliment, for my very best woman friend had never been popular with women simply because they didn't understand her.

We lived in a town on the Pacific coast where the only servants to be had were Chinese. We went to house-keeping as soon as we were married, and I hired a cook named Charlie Lee. Charlie agreed to give me a month's notice before leaving, but some one offered him \$2 a month more than I was paying him, and without either giving me the stipulated notice or the price, he even of raising his wages he left me the day before I was to have friends in for dinner. More than this, he demanded wages for two weeks when he had been with me only eight days. I paid him for one week and told him to go, and go quickly, and never show his face in my house again.

When John came home and I told him what had happened I saw by the wrinkle in his forehead that he considered me in some way to blame, but he said nothing. I secured another Chinaman as cook, but was astonished when he told me at the end of the first week that he would stay with me no longer. "Are you sure," asked John, "that you have said or done nothing to ruffle him?"

"I'm sure I've neither said nor done anything that should ruffle him," John turned to the evening paper, and I knew he considered that I had something wrong with me or I would not have lost two servants within a month. The third Chinaman stayed with me just two days.

John had refrained from speaking his mind on the servant question till this third cook left me. Then was my first spasm.

"You must admit, my dear," he said, "that there is some reason for the departure of all your servants."

"You mean that I don't treat them kindly?"

"Not that, but perhaps your manner may be a trifle dictatorial."

"I should have supposed," I retorted, "that you would have inquired before marrying me whether my manner to servants was deferential enough."

"You misunderstand me. Our manner is something for which we are not responsible," he said. "I can readily understand how these simple Chinese, exiles from their homes, may have a sensitiveness to kindness that—"

"I heard no more, for I went out of the room, and I fear I shut the door after me a trifle harder than was necessary. I determined that I would find out what was preventing my keeping a servant if I had to send to the Flowery Kingdom for a native detective."

"These Chinese are very enervated," she said. "What one does they all do. But how do they all know enough to do the same thing? Those I have had surely were not acquainted."

"I have had one of them for years," she said. "I'll ask him if he can explain."

Chun Wing, her servant, was called in and the case put to him. He said he would go to see me the next day after his work was finished. He came, as he agreed, and walked straight into the kitchen, where he commenced to examine the furniture and cooking utensils. Then he looked into every crevice and corner. It struck me that he was searching for evidence of the presence of mice in the house, for I had heard of the Chinese appreciation of this delicacy, and informed him that there were none and I wouldn't have them on my premises on any account. He paid no attention to the information, keeping on with his ransacking. He looked on the bottom of the chairs and the pots and kettles, turned up the oilcloth on the floor, removed every article in the kitchen closet and examined it as well as the walls and the shelves. Finally he took down the clock and looked at its back. Then I knew from the Celestial look on his face that he had found what he had been searching for.

"What is it?" I asked eagerly. He pointed to some Chinese characters chalked on the back of the clock and translated them:

"Very bad woman. Doesn't pay the wages."

Charlie Lee, my first cook, was the only one of the lot I had had any difference with about money, and, of course, it was he who had passed the word to his successors.

When John came home that evening I told him that I thought I had discovered the cause of my trouble with cooks. "I wounded poor Charlie Lee's feelings," I admitted. John looked pleased that he should have been right in his diagnosis of the case. Then I took him into the kitchen, showed him the inscription and translated it.

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